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The "Response to Order Returning Undocketed Appeal to Examiner" filed June 7, 2004, has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

First, the \$320 fee for the Reply Brief has been charged against Deposit Account 07-0845. Secondly, Appellant's statement that no amendments were made as part of the response to the Non-Final Rejection mailed November 14, 2002, is acknowledged. Thirdly, copies of the prior art statement and Form 1449 are now of record, having been faxed in by Appellant. To the best of Examiner's knowledge and understanding, the appeal is now in condition to be sent to the Board for a decision, and Examiner will endeavor to have the case sent to the Board, in the hope that a timely decision may be rendered.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nicholas D. Rosen, whose telephone number is 703-305-0753. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wynn Coggins, can be reached on 703-308-1344. (Wynn Coggins is currently on assignment elsewhere in the Patent Office; the examiner's acting supervisor, Jeffrey Smith, can be reached at 703-308-3588.) The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Non-official/draft communications can be faxed to the examiner at 703-746-5574.

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